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SUBJECT: SAMORA MACHEL BEGINS OFFICIAL VISIT TO ZAMBIA

1 PRESIDENT KAUNDA RETURNED TO LUSAKA LATE AFTERNOON MAY 12 FROM TWO-DAY VISIT TO TANZANIA WHERE HE, NYERERE AND FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL TOURED MILITARY CAMPS AND POLITICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS IN NACHINGWEA AREA. KAUNDA WAS ACCOMPANIED ON RETURN HOME BY MACHEL WHO WAS RECEIVED WITH CHIEF OF STATE HONORS AT START OF HIS FOUR-DAY "OFFICIAL" VISIT TO ZAMBIA. BOTH PRESIDENTS DISEMBARKED CLAD IN FRELIMO MILITARY DRESS. CROWD WAS AT FIRST PUZZLED THEN APPLAUDED UNFAMILIAR SIGHT OF ZAMBIA PRESIDENT IN UNIFORM AND INCONGRUOUSLY WAVING HIS SYMBOLIC WHITE HANDKERCHIEF. FRELIMO DELEGATION OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY INCLUDES MARIANO MATSINHO, "CHIEF OF WORKS" IN TRANSITIONAL GOVT, AND MILITARY COMMANDER ALBERT CHIPANDE.

2. IN SPEECH MONDAY EVENING AT LUSAKA S NAKATINDI HALL, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED FREEDOM OF THE CITY, MACHEL PAID FULL
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STRUGGLE. SAID ZAMBIA HAD BEEN "MAINLY RESPONSIBLE" FOR LIBERATION OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ADDED THAT MOZAMBIQUE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT AGAINST EXPLOITATION AND INEQUALITY AT HOME AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA AND WORLD. IN HIS INTRODUCTION, LUSAKA LORD MAYOR SAID MACHEL S NAME WILL HENCEFORTH BE ENTERED ON LIST OF DISTINGUISHED REVOLUTIONARY HEROES SUCH AS HO CHI MINH, CHE GUEVARA, MAO TSE TUNG, AMILCAR CABRAL AND KENNETH KAUNDA. KAUNDA WAS PRESENT BUT SPOKE ONLY BRIEFLY TO NOTE AT NACHINGWEA THAT DAY HE HAD WITNESSED "THE CLOSE OF ONE CHAPTER AND THE OPENING OF ANOTHER", A REFERENCE TO REPORTS THAT FRELIMO BASES THERE ARE BEING TURNED OVER TO RHODESIA ANC FOR TRAINING OF ITS NEW GUARRILLA FORCE.

3. WHILE MACHEL BEING TREATED AS IF HE WERE ALREADY CHIEF LF STATE (LORD MAYOR ADDRESSED HIM AS "PRESIDENT-DISIGNATE" OF MOZAMBIQUEWPN BOTH SIDES HAVE ALSO BEEN AT PAINS TO EMPHASIZE PARTY-TO-PARTY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ZAMBIA S UNIP AND FRELIMO. MACHEL IN HIS REMARKS REFERRED REPEATEDLY TO UNIP S ROLE IN LEADING ZAMBIA AND THERE WAS GREATER THAN USUAL TURNOUT OF UNIP CENTRAL COMMITTEEMEN AND OTHER PARTY OFFICIALS AT NAKATINDI HALL RECEPTION. EMBASSY OBSERVER PRESENT AT NAKATINDI WAS STRUCK BY SEEMINGLY RELAXED AND CORDIAL INTERCHANGE EXISTING BETWEEN MACHEL AND HIS ZAMBIAN HOSTS DESPITE LANGUAGE BARRIER WHICH OBLIGED MACHEL TO SPEAK THROUGH PORTUGUESE-ENGLISH INTERPRETER.

4. ON MAY 13 MACHEL AND FRELIMO DELEGATION ARE HOLDING TALKS WITH ZAMBIAN LEADERS. ON WEDNESDAY MACHEL ACCOMPANIED BY UNIP SEC GEN GREY ZULU FLIES TO CHIPATA, CAPITAL OF ZAMBIA S EASTERN PROVINCE BORDERING MOZAMBIQUE, WHERE MACHEL WILL ADDRESS MASS RALLY. HE IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS MASS RALLY IN DOWNTOWN LUSAKA ON MAY 15. SUCH RALLIES ARE UNUSUAL OCCURENCES IN ZAMBIA AND INDICATE EXTRAORDINARY DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN KAUNDA AND MACHEL. NELSON

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